

WHITE SLAVE ACT UPHELD BY HIGHEST COURT

Conviction of Diggs, Caminetti, and Kayes Affirmed by Supreme Tribunal.

APPLIES TO ALL CASES

Transportation for Vice, Whether Commercial or Not, Made Illegal by Decision.

The Mann white slave law was sweepingly upheld today by the United States Supreme Court. Its application to cases of all vice—whether commercialized or not—was held to be constitutional.

This broad construction on the white slave law was given when the convictions of Maury I. Diggs, Drew Caminetti, and L. T. Kayes for violations of the law were upheld.

By this ruling, the law is held to apply to individual cases of transportation of women, without regard to connection with commercialized vice.

Hundreds of Cases Held Up.

Hundreds of cases have been held up pending the court's decision as to the breadth of interpretation of the law.

Attorneys for the convicted men have held that Congress did not intend to prosecute non-commercial violations of the law as such when the bill was passed.

Diggs and Caminetti were sentenced to prison and fined two years ago for transporting two girls from their homes in California into Nevada.

No Connection With Traffic.

It was brought out at the trial that the affair had no connection with any organized white slavery, and was merely confined to the persons involved, but the men were convicted in the West under the Mann law. The case, which attracted great publicity at the time, was finally brought to the Supreme Court for decision about a year ago.

The case was one of the most bitterly fought in legal history of the country. Former Senator Joseph W. Bailey was counsel in chief for the defendants. The prosecution was handled by Assistant Attorney General Wallace.

Narrow Margin.

The decision was adopted by the court by a narrow margin. Justice McReynolds took no part. He was Attorney General when the cases reached the Supreme Court. Of the other eight Justices Chief Justice White and Associate Justice McKenna and Chief Justice Taft were in the majority.

The case of Kayes, convicted of arranging for the transportation of a girl from Oklahoma City to Wichita, Kan., was appealed on grounds similar to those of the Diggs-Caminetti case.

Day Reads Opinion.

Justice Day read the opinion and said:

"There is no ambiguity in the law. It covers transportation of a woman for immoral purposes, including purposes of debauchery. Plain terms of the act must prevail."

"Congress," Justice Day said, "plainly has the power to regulate the transportation of passengers in interstate commerce, and so to forbid the transportation of women for immoral purposes."

"There is nothing in the act, he held, to limit its application to commercial vice."

The decision was an unusually long one.

Statutory Words Presumed.

"Statutory words," Justice Day held, are uniformly presumed, unless the contrary appears, to be used in their ordinary and usual sense, and with the meaning commonly attributed to them."

"To cause a woman or girl to be transported for the purpose of debauchery, and for the immoral purpose—to wit, becoming a concubine or mistress, for which Caminetti and Diggs were convicted."

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WILSON HAS BUSY DAY

Receives California Boys and Other Delegations.

A full calendar of the day's engagements greeted the President on his arrival at the executive offices this morning, following his daily game of golf.

It started with the weekly conference with the Washington correspondents at 12:30 o'clock, following which Mr. Wilson greeted a delegation of forty California boys, members of a band which is touring the country this year. The Californians gave a concert in front of the Executive offices before leaving the White House grounds.

At 2:30 o'clock, Senator Johnson of South Dakota, the executive committee of the Gridiron Club, Congressmen Steele and DeWalt, and Senator Myers conferred with the President.

A committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, had an appointment at the White House at 3:30, and later, Dr. Frank J. Goodnow and a committee of the Institute of Government Research were scheduled to call on Mr. Wilson.

Tonight, at 8 o'clock, the President will dine with Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, and between 10:30 and 10:45 he will attend the Children's Hospital ball at the New Willard.

HOUSE REFUSES TO CONSIDER FORUMS

Declines to Take Up Bill Providing for Use of Schools By Communities.

By a vote of 202 to 122, the House today refused to consider the bill providing for the use of public school buildings in the District as community forums.

This is the bill which received endorsement of Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, who appeared at the hearing before the District Committee, and it also had the approval of the Rev. John Van Schaick, president of the Board of Education, various citizens' associations, and the United States Commissioner of Education.

Several weeks ago the House engaged in a day's debate on the bill, but when Chairman Eben Johnson of the District Committee moved to take up the bill again today, he was voted down.

The bill, which is now probably dead, owing to the short session, provided machinery for use of school houses as community centers where public meetings might be held in the various communities.

MILWAUKEE ADDS TO BIG NAVY LOSSES

Probable Wreck of Cruiser Will Swell Amount Lost Through Recent Sea Disasters.

The wreck of the cruiser Milwaukee and the submarine H-3, both vessels regarded as total losses, swells the cost of naval vessels destroyed during the last year to more than \$10,000,000.

Never in the navy's history in times of peace has there been such heavy loss in naval vessels due to storms, officers said today. The list of wrecks totally lost within a year if, as feared, the Milwaukee and H-3 prove to be beyond salvaging, reads as follows:

Cruiser Memphis, wrecked off San Domingo; cost of vessel and repairs, \$2,899,339.64.

Cruiser Milwaukee, wrecked while going to rescue of H-3; cost of vessel and repairs, \$3,576,112.75.

Collier Hector, wrecked off Atlantic coast; cost of vessel and repairs, \$827,527.60.

Submarine H-3, ashore off Eureka, Cal.; cost of vessel and repairs, \$525,789.07.

In this added the cost of the submarine F-4, which sunk off Honolulu, the cost of wrecked vessels would amount to \$11,147,399.62.

In addition there has been heavy expense in efforts to salvage the sunken vessels.

The Navy Department announced today that the wrecking companies have been instructed to inspect the "crater" Milwaukee, with a view to determining whether there is any hope of salvaging the vessel. Late reports that the waves are sweeping the vessel inland has dashed hopes of officers of success in this effort.

All Government funds on the wrecked vessel have been moved ashore, today's report said, and the work of removing stores and movable equipment will be started at once. All movable machinery also will be salvaged, as was in the case of the Memphis.

WATER AND SLEEP PANACEA

So Says Tumulty, Knocking on Wood the While.

Drink a lot of water, get the required amount of sleep, and knock on wood when you are boasting about it, and you'll always have good health.

That is the health hint dropped today by Secretary Tumulty, in discussing his vigor and "pep."

"I haven't been sick a day since I have been at the White House," (knock, knock), he said, "and I am feeling better now than I have since I came to Washington, which is feeling some good (knock). I attribute it all to getting my sleep, drinking a lot of water, and constantly knocking on wood."

FREE EXPLOSION "WITNESS"

Police Release Man Held in Connection With Probe.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Jeremiah O'Donnell, arrested by the Pompton Lakes, N. J., police after he said he expected a portion of the du Pont powder works at Haskell to be blown up, was released early today. The police admitted a deputy overstepped himself when he tried to unravel a war plot. No further arrests are contemplated, it was said.

JUDGES MUST SIT 8 HOURS

Farmer Legislature Taskmaster of Supreme Court.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 15.—An eight-hour day order for justices of the State supreme court is being considered today, following an uprising of wheat raisers against market conditions.

Justices will be required to keep a log, showing the time spent on every case, and account for every minute of their time for eight hours a day.

PROBE ELECTION FRAUDS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 15.—The Federal grand jury investigation alleged election frauds in Indiana at the last election, today resumed its probe. Nearly 200 witnesses have been examined and before the probe is concluded it is expected the total will reach 500. Many indictments are expected.

CLERKS' RAISE GIVEN SETBACK

Senate Body Adopts Report of Subcommittee Striking Out Increases.

SMOOT PLANS OPPOSITION

Promises to Carry Fight to Floor of Upper Branch When His Move Is Defeated.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations today struck at the proposed increase in pay for the Federal clerks and employees in a manner which probably will be fatal to the expectations of those who have been hoping to have a few more dollars added to their meager incomes.

The report of the subcommittee which framed the bill and which struck out the House provisions for higher pay was adopted.

Senator Smoot, acting chairman, was ordered to report the bill to the Senate, and he will do so late today.

In the committee this morning, Senator Smoot made a fight for increases, but was defeated. He will carry the fight to the floor, but it will be lost unless a number of Democratic Senators take the position they will not be bound by the recent economy resolution adopted in caucus.

Vote Is Lost.

Senator Smoot moved to grant a 15 per cent increase to those paid less than \$480, and a 10 per cent increase to those paid from \$480 to \$1,000. This was lost by a party vote, with the exception that Senator Tillman supported the Republicans and voted for the Smoot motion. The vote stood a tie and under the circumstances the Smoot motion was lost.

The fight on the floor of the Senate over the proposed increases in pay for Federal employees is sure to be a sharp and vigorous one. The Democratic leaders will take refuge behind the argument that, in view of the deficit, economy is imperative.

Friends of the increases will urge that if needless "pork" were dispensed with in various directions, the clerks could be paid a living wage.

Vote Without Precedent.

For the first time on record for many years, the Appropriations Committee voted to report the legislative bill without a single increase in salary. Acting Chairman Overman said he knew it was without precedent.

"It never happened before, and I suppose won't again," he said.

Every increase in salary allowed by the House was cut out. Moreover, the committee threw a brick at the high salaries of the members of the farm loan board.

The salaries of the members of this board were cut from \$10,000, \$7,500, of the secretary, from \$6,000 (\$5,000) to \$4,000.

CLARA WARD DIED A PAUPER

Left Only a Little Jewelry, Which Was Seized for Debts.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Clara Ward remained faithful to the last to Albano Casellato, for whom she left her third husband. At the outbreak of the war Casellato was recalled to Italy, and when he was injured by his horse the empress visited him daily in a military hospital. On the first day that she was able to take him out for a drive she caught a severe chill, which developed into pneumonia and caused her death.

Beyond jewelry worth a few thousand francs, which the local authorities seized for the payment of debts, nothing of her former immense wealth remained, and her body was buried in a pauper's coffin.

According to a dispatch from Chicago on December 22 last, the will of Clara Ward, which was filed there on December 22, showed that her estate was worth approximately \$1,124,935.96 in personal property and \$50,000 in real estate, practically all of which was left to Giuseppe Ricciardi, her third husband. The will was signed in 1904, but in 1911 the decedent and Ricciardi were separated. Her loss of property was allowed the making of the 1904 will.

COUNT ON ADAMSON LAW

Order Would Apply Measure to Railroad Telegraphers.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 15.—That the Order of Railway Telegraphers will hold the Adamson law should be applied to railroad telegraphers and towermen became known here today, when officials of that order issued instructions to its members that remuneration for telegraphers now working more than eight hours will be computed on the basis of the Adamson law if the law is upheld by the Federal Supreme Court.

These instructions were received by telegraphers on the Chicago and Alton railroad.

GREEKS APPEAL TO WILSON

Telegrams Ask Intervention on Behalf of "Starving Nation."

Strong appeals to President Wilson for intervention on behalf of "starving Greece" are being made in hundreds of telegrams received during the last week at the White House from Greeks and Greek sympathizers in this country.

The appeals claim that Greece, a non-belligerent, and attempting in every way to keep out of the struggle in which she is not concerned, is beset on all sides and suffering intensely from the lack of food.

DEWEY SINKING, DOCTORS FEAR

Admiral, Ill for Last Five Days, Is Gradually Growing Weaker.

NOW IS 79 YEARS OLD

Had Been at His Office Daily Until Stricken With Severe Cold.

Admiral George Dewey is seriously ill at his home, 1001 K street, and his doctors express grave fear as to his condition.

The admiral was stricken last Thursday and has since been confined to his bed.

At noon his attending physicians, Dr. A. M. Fauntleroy and Dr. L. Sheldon, Jr., issued the following statement:

Suffering Five Days.

Admiral Dewey has been suffering for the last five days from a general breakdown consequent upon his seventy-nine years of age.

For several days there was some improvement and at times it appeared as if he might rally and succeed in overcoming the depression of certain organs.

Last night the admiral slept fairly well, but at times was irrational and showed evidence of a gradual decline.

This morning he is very weak and his general condition is such as to cause fear that his once great vitality may fall at any time.

DR. A. M. FAUNTLEROY.

DR. L. SHELDON, JR.

At His Office Daily.

Admiral Dewey was at his office daily until he was taken sick last week.

The day after Christmas he celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday and held a reception then in his office at which Secretary of the Navy Daniels and all the ranking naval officers in Washington were present.

When he was first taken ill it was reported that he had but a slight cold and no fears for his recovery were then entertained.

The statement of his physicians today says that his cold has developed into a general breakdown consequent upon old age.

FOUR CHILDREN FREEZE

Two Perish in Blizzard While Trying to Rescue Others.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Jan. 15.—The bodies of four school children were found frozen to death early today near Cadillac, Sask.

Two little boys were allowed to leave school Friday afternoon during a terrible blizzard. Their sister, aged thirteen, went in search and a fourth child also left the building. All perished on the prairie.

When found the elder girl had two of the boys in her arms, and the fourth child was found a short distance away. Three were children of Ovide Beauchamp.

FOUND DEAD FROM COLD.

The first death from cold and exposure occurred yesterday, when Pottsmen Warren and Lawson sent to the morgue the body of an unidentified colored woman found in a clump of bushes on the Third street side of the Rotunda Garden. The coroner's verdict was death from cold and improper nourishment.

REPORTS A SUBMARINE

British Steamer Sees Vessel Believed To Be Deutschland.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The British freight steamer, Clematis, which reported this morning from Bordeaux, arrived there on the morning of January 11, she sighted a submarine which made no attempt to attack her. It was thought possible it might be the submarine Deutschland, which is said to be soon due at New London.

The Deutschland, it has been said at New London, left its home port January 2. Members of the crew of the German steamship Wille had professed to have positive information of the sailing of the Deutschland. On her last trip here the Deutschland, according to report, brought between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of German government war bonds.

7-INCH SNOW IN DALLAS

North and Central Texas in Grip of Severe Storm.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 15.—North and central Texas are in the grip of a storm which has assumed almost blizzard proportions. Dallas is covered by a seven-inch snowfall, an almost unprecedented occurrence.

Children in this city, virtually sledless through successions of mild winters, rose to the unusual opportunities and commandeered old rocking chairs upon which they scooted in grotesque curves through the city streets. Wire service is unimpaired, but trains are running hours behind schedules.

To Aid Son Held As SLAYER

Mother of Weldon Wells to Hurry to Columbus.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 15.—Mrs. C. D. Benfer, mother of Weldon H. Wells, held in Columbus, Ohio, charged with the murder of Mona Simon, will go to Columbus at once.

"I will leave nothing undone to clear my son of the terrible charge against him," the mother said.

NEW SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR LAWSON WHEN HE FAILS TO APPEAR; DUE IN CITY TODAY

KAISER BACKED BY ALLY IN DEFINITIVE ACTION.

Emperor Upheld by Bavarian King in Denunciation of Entente's Action.

FIRST PEACE STEP PUBLIC

Original Directions to Bethmann-Hollweg, Given in October, Are Announced.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm's directions to Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to prepare the recent German peace note were published today by the North German Gazette. The letter was dated October 31, and, in part, read:

"A peace proposal is necessary to deliver the world—including neutrals—from obsessions. For such an act a ruler is needed with conscience and a feeling of responsibility to God and his own heart. For my own and hostile peoples I will venture it, relying upon God. Please soon give me a note and prepare everything."

Note From Bavarian King.

Lively appreciation of the Kaiser's defiance to the allies, and acquiescence in his declarations that the entente's refusal of peace shows their "boundless lust of conquest" was expressed in a message from the King of Bavaria to the Kaiser today, according to Munich dispatches.

In part the King's message read: "Your strong words expressing indignation over our enemies' arrogant reply find a lively echo in all our hearts."

All Share Iron Will.

"All the German people share your iron will to break our enemies' presumption—the enemy whose war aims disclose their boundless lust of conquest and desire for our destruction."

"The self-sacrificing heroism of the troops of the empire and of the people will henceforth defeat all attacks and lead to victory. May God continue with our just cause."

WILSON'S MOVE AWAITED

Entente Diplomats Expect Another Note to Germany.

Speculation continues to be lively here concerning the next move of President Wilson in connection with his efforts to bring about peace. Emphatic as the entente powers have been in indicating their unwillingness to discuss the subject on the basis of the present military situation, they are expected to make a move.

LIEBKNECHT IS SENTENCED

German Socialist Leader Expelled From Bar, Is Report.

ZURICH, Jan. 15.—Karl Liebknecht, German socialist leader, has been sentenced to four and a half years imprisonment at hard labor and expulsion from the bar, according to Berlin advices today.

Liebknecht has been in almost constant trouble with the German authorities for his anti-war and socialist speeches, both within and without the Reichstag. Probably the Zurich report is the final sentence imposed in Liebknecht after an appeal which has been pending for months.

The charge on which he was arrested was participation in an anti-war May Day celebration in 1916, and on June 28, of that year, he was sentenced to thirty months' imprisonment. He took an appeal and was released August 23 to four years and one month, the court also depriving him of all civil rights, for a period of six years. He appealed three days later.

The Zurich report of his latest sentence probably means Liebknecht has again lost an appeal.

SERB ENVOY SEES LANSING

First Diplomatic Representative to U. S. Presents Credentials.

Serbian Minister Michaelovitch, the first diplomatic representative from that country to be accredited to the United States, presented his credentials to Secretary of State Lansing today. The new minister also sent his card to other diplomatic officials accredited here. Arrangements will be made later to present the Serbian envoy to the President.

The United States has no representative to Serbia direct. Minister Vopcha being accredited to Roumania and Bulgaria as well as to Serbia. It was indicated today that no change in the plan of diplomatic representation will be made by the United States while the war is in progress.

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MRS. THAW MAY GIVE HER SON UP

Willing to Have Him Kept in Restraint if He Is "Radically Wrong."

BUT ATTORNEYS PREPARE

Harry Still in Stupor That Followed Suicide Attempt, But Recognizes Mother.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Harry K. Thaw's white-haired mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, has arrived from Pittsburgh to stay with her son in St. Mary's hospital until he recovers from his suicide attempt.

With the arrival of Mrs. Thaw the Thaw lawyers became less pugnacious in their statements about fighting the efforts to take him to New York to face the charges of Frederick Gump, Jr., who accuses Thaw of whipping him.

They announced that so far as they knew "there is no desire on the part of Thaw's lawyers or his family to use the Thaw millions or influence to obstruct anything that District Attorney Swann thinks ought to be done with Thaw."

Would Agree to Restraint.

They said the Thaw family would be willing now to have Harry kept in restraint "if it was found that anything is radically wrong with him."

But they admitted that they were considering half a dozen legal courses of action. A fight against extradition was mentioned as one possibility.

Mrs. Thaw arrived yesterday. She was accompanied by her friend and companion, Mrs. Mayo. She was given a suite just over the rooms in which her son had lain since he tried to cut his throat with a razor Thursday morning.

Promised To Care For Son.

She was not allowed to see her son until three hours later. The detectives, who have been guarding Thaw day and night since he was taken to the hospital, withdrew to an adjoining room, where they could see all that went on, but could not hear the greeting of the mother and son.

She was allowed to be with him but fifteen minutes. She wept as she kissed him, and told him: "Don't worry, Harry. I'll take care of you."

Although Thaw was said by Dr. Elwood W. Kirby, the physician in charge of him, to be in the stupor that followed his heavy loss of blood after his attempt at suicide, he showed that he recognized his mother and A. H. Goodman, one of the New York Thaw lawyers, who visited him, by turning his head with a smile. Then he fell asleep.

No Effect of Shock.

Mrs. Thaw did not show any effect of the shock of her son's most recent escapade. Dr. Kirby said that she had borne up bravely while with Thaw, like "the wonderfully brave woman she is."

Arrival of the